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Frozen Boneless Chicken Feet Smuggled as Jellyfish Country of origin: Thailand

SITC in Connecticut has recently confirmed the importation of frozen, boneless chicken feet from Thailand being sold as jellyfish. The packages of prohibited boneless chicken feet have no labels or markings and have been found in CT and MA. SITC CT found 2700 lbs. of product in a cold storage facility in boxes labeled jellyfish, product of Thailand. The importer, **Food King, Inc.** located in West Haven, CT, admitted the product was not manifested or declared on the importation documents. It was brought into the country in a frozen container with various types of seafood. Three shipments of chicken feet totaling over 9000 lbs have entered into the country since March 2004, all un-manifested on the import documents and packed in boxes labeled jellyfish. The Thailand distributor of record is **Wales and Company, Universe Limited**, Bangkok, Thailand.

In markets, the product can be found with frozen squid and fish, not with the poultry products. The importer is conducting a voluntary recall of the chicken feet, removing the product from sale for destruction from 68 stores located in CT, GA, **KY**, MA, MI, MN, OH, PA, RI, TN, and WI.



It is alleged that other importers are utilizing the same smuggling methods (marking chicken feet as jellyfish) to illegally import the product. This product was found in Florida in 2003 labeled Ka Kai (Thai for chicken feet). In this case, the importer of record, **International Inc.**, can not be confirmed to be tied into the CT distributor. If the product is found at the POE's, mis-manifested, it is recommended that CBP seize the product for destruction, issuing a violation. Importer and consignee information should be forwarded to the local SITC office for market survey purposes.